

ROOSEVELT AND TREVELYAN

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dency, was shot and slightly wonnded by a half-crazed fanatic in Milwaukee. Four days later, when it was known that the injury was not dangerous, Trevelyan wrote:

WALLINGTON,
October 18,
1912.

I have been unable to forbear sending you a few lines; although perhaps I ought to have waited. This matter has given me the full measure of the personal affection which I bear towards you. It had been already proved to me, in part, by the deep, constant, and overpowering interest, and earnest hopes, with which for the last six months I have followed all that I could learn of your public action. But this dreadful event, and your bearing after it, have made me as proud of your friendship as I am sadly interested in your health and comfort. I say no more; because quiet words, if they are true, are best under the greatest, as under the daily and slightest, conditions of life. My privilege in knowing Mrs. Eoosevelt, and your daughter and son, intensify, if possible, my feeling; and in this, as. in all else, my wife is one with me.

On the Saturday before the news came I was passing through London, and lunched at Brooks's with Edward Grey. I was greatly pleased, but not surprised, to find that his personal feeling about you is the same as mine.

In replying to this letter Eoosevelt gave expression to views about the assassination of public men which his inti-

mate friends had often heard him utter. It was
a frequent
saying of his: " There are worse deaths than
for a man to
be killed in the service of his country":

OYSTER BAY,
October 29,
1912.

Your letter touched and pleased me very
much. I shall
always keep it. I have not yet reached the
point where it
is wise for me to write with my own hand, so I
shall only
send you these few typewritten lines of
greeting.